



Indiana Department of Education
End of Course Assessments

December – January / A1 Testing Window

NEWSLETTER

Announcements...

ECAs for the 2008-2009 school year are: Algebra I, Biology I, Algebra II and English 11. An English 10 pilot will be given in the spring of 2009.

PURPOSE OF ECAs

As part of Indiana's school accountability system under Public Law 221, End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs) are designed to ensure the quality, consistency, and rigor of courses across the state. Aligned with Indiana's Academic Standards, End-of-Course Assessments are final exams measuring what students know and are able to do upon completion of targeted courses. In addition, the End-of-Course Assessments are an integral component of Indiana's P-16 Plan for Improving Student Achievement. As a part of this vision, these exams would serve an additional purpose of providing valuable information for college placement.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations for the ECAs will be based upon those used with for ISTEP+. Generally, that means that a student will receive the same testing accommodations as those that occur throughout the student's educational program. Refer to the ECA Test Administration Manual for the full listing of online accommodations:

http://doe.in.gov/core40eca/pdf/online_testing_manual.pdf

TEST SECURITY

Teachers and students will not be given advance knowledge of the test content prior to administration, and testing materials may not be copied or printed. ECA material may not be saved or disseminated in hardcopy or electronic format.

ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS

Directions for accessing practice tests

Launch iTester application and use the following:

Username: ECA

Password: practice

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR ALGEBRA I, BIOLOGY I, & ENGLISH 11 - QUESTAR

Window	Dates	ECAs
A1	Dec. 8 – 19 Jan. 5 – 16	Online Only
A2	Feb 9 – 27	Online Only
A3	May 4 – June 3	Online & Paper/Pencil

* English 10 Pilot in Spring 2009

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR ALGEBRA II Pearson, ADP

Window	Dates	ECA
A1	Dec. 8 – 19 Jan. 12 – 23	Paper/Pencil Only
A3	May 1 – Jun 12	Online & Paper/Pencil

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Questar Support

Via Email: ecaSupport@questarai.com

Via Phone: 1-877-424-0322

Pearson, ADP Support

Via Email: ADP@support.pearson.com

Via Phone: 1-866-688-9555

Classroom Assessments

Classroom Assessments are assessments that are provided for teacher use in content areas where state-administered operational End-of-Course Assessments are not available. These tests are comprehensive final exams that can be printed and used by teachers at any time. The scores are for local use only, and are not reported to the state.

Please note that the *Classroom Assessments* are voluntary resources for teachers, however they are **secure** tests and should be accessed by authorized users only. User IDs and Passwords are confidential and should not be shared. Please contact your School or Corporation Test Coordinator regarding a username and password. Classroom Assessments may be accessed at <https://dc.doe.in.gov/DOEOnline/Login.aspx>.